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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR, *Carol Leo*

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: II Corinthians 9:7

As so many individuals and groups have stepped forward this year desiring to help the homeless in many different ways, this scripture comes to mind. I marvel at how God puts it on the hearts of His children to care for and have compassion on the ones who are weak, broken-hearted, poverty-stricken, or down and out for whatever reason. The Homeless Outreach focuses on those homeless individuals living in family shelters. One of our main emphases is in reaching out to the children. Many of us have childhood memories that are not pleasant. It is not easy to be a child nowadays under even the best of circumstances. How much more pain and difficulty is involved when basic props such as a roof over the head, parents who can provide, daily food and clothing are missing. This year we have been able to bring love and support to hundreds of hurting children and their parents in the Washington, DC area. Good-quality clothing by the 30-gallon-bagful has been gratefully received by many mothers for themselves and their children. Delicious, warm, home-cooked meals have been served and generous-sized, additional portions have been carried back to the shelters. Brand-new, high quality school supplies and fun and educational toys have been distributed. Basic hygiene products and new winter hats and gloves have all been part of the supplies regularly provided through your kindness. It is exciting for me to receive calls from total strangers, as well as regular friends and supporters with new ideas and vision on how to reach out and help the homeless. The undergirding for all of our efforts is prayer. Prayer is offered in between our outreach events, at our outreach events among our workers and prayer for groups and individuals from the shelters is one of the most powerful ways that we give to the needy during our outreaches. I know that even beyond the satisfaction and appreciation that I see expressed for the material blessings that are given, the deeper, more long-term effects of prayer are in motion and that many lives will never be the same because Jesus Christ is at work in the hearts. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS!**

But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God. *Psalm 40:17*

UPCOMING EVENTS 2008

Fri., 1/11	Shepherd's Cove
Fri., 2/8	Shepherd's Cove, Valentine event
Jan. & Feb. Dates TBD	Streets of DC, Blanket Distribution/Gospel Outreach
Sun., 3/16 COLLECTING:	Easter Outreach, Shepherd's Cove, Hope Apartments, Community of Hope NEW SOCKS, UNDERWEAR
Fri., 4/11	Shepherd's Cove
Fri. 5/9	Shepherd's Cove, Mother's Day Event
Sun. 6/22 COLLECTING	Annual Summer Cookout for Families Forward Park Rd., Spring Rd., Community of Hope, Hope Apts., Shepherd's Cove NEW T-SHIRTS, STUFFED ANIMALS

Contact Bertha Fenwick, 301-292-2658 or Carol Leo, 240-475-4219 to donated or participate.

Christmas 2007



Above: Guests from the shelter watched the program intently.



Above: Mimists Gregory Long & Jasmine Newsome brought a dramatic presentation on trusting God.



Above: Serrah, (9); Sydelle (7); Joanna (9); Ahava, (9) shared a praise



Left & Right: Praise dance team from Greater Deliverance Christian Center in NE Washington, DC performed anointed praise dances that ushered in the presence of the Lord. The Greater Deliverance church choir and outreach ministry (Robyn Morton) also ministered.



Above: Juanita Maclin brought forth the Gospel message and gave an altar call that resulted in more than 30 souls coming forward to receive Christ. Below: Marianne Benson, Praise leader gave a 2nd altar call and at least 20 more children came forward.



Above: lined up and ready to serve, volunteers led by the Fenwicks (not pictured) served a delicious Christmas banquet.



Above and left: Workers distributed a couple of hundred toys to the children of all ages who were in attendance at the

*Note: We were able to include needy children who were not at our party from JC Nalle Elementary School, SE Washington, DC, as well as other needy area families in our toy distribution this year. Praise the Lord!



Families from five shelters were in attendance at the Christmas event.



Thanksgiving 2007



P.G. County Youth Commission with Homeless Outreach Director, Carol Leo.



Mothers happy about the clothing "finds."



Alicia Adams giving instruction on the apple & candy turkey arts & crafts project to the volunteers.



Volunteers from Howard U. and others in prayer circle.

Families from three shelters attended our Thanksgiving Celebration.

Thanksgiving Celebration 2007

Volunteers included representatives from the P.G. County Youth Commission. This article is submitted by one of their members.

On November 11 of this year, five members of the Prince George's County Youth Commission (including myself) attended a Thanksgiving Homeless Outreach at National Christian Academy. I was honored that the event was being held at my school. The Commission assisted in serving food, providing clothing, and aiding in arts and crafts. This event was such an amazing experience for me, as well as the other members of the Commission, because it allowed us to witness *true* thanksgiving. It allowed us to see people who are grateful for *everything* that is given to them, things that the average person would take for granted. Most of the attendees were currently living in homeless shelters. To see the hearts of those caught in destitute being lifted, opened my eyes even more to the realities of this world. Even having an interaction with a member of my church that attended this event whom I learned was homeless made me reflect upon myself. Remember to be thankful for *all* that you receive, for we would have nothing without the love and provision of the Almighty, Most High God.

Sincerely,
 Brandon Evan Moulden
 Prince George's County Youth Commissioner

In Loving Memory of Pat Kriner



January, 2008
 His heart & ministry
 live on!

Never too busy to work for Jesus; always on call for the Lord no matter how many other events were taking place in his life. . . For many years, Pat Kriner ministered to the children and parents who flocked to our Homeless Outreach events. The warmth of his personality and his excitement about Jesus always built a bridge of love to those who were most in need of it. In the course of a back-to-school party, picnic, or Christmas party, he circulated among the families from the shelters, praying and counseling with many who came forward. He made it a point to seek out the family with the most children in order to bless the mother with a monetary gift from his own pocket. He cared for souls and led many to Christ. We will deeply miss Pat.

Thank you to all financial donors

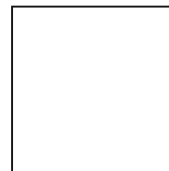
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2007 Financial Summary	Expenses	Donations	Carryover '06	Balance
Underwear/socks/hygiene	1360.02			
Food	1631.61			
Toys/School Supplies/Crafts/Misc. supplies	3932.95			
Mailings/Website	1245.52			
To Other Ministries	175			
Rental Assistance	1400			
Bus Transportation	4966			
	\$ 14,711.10	\$ 13,919.91	\$ 2,019.58	\$ 1,228.39

It is noteworthy that much of the food, almost all the clothing, many toys, school supplies & hygiene products are donated as gifts in kind. Thank you, Praise the Lord!

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2007 Thanks continued.

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or helping in any other way
Contact: Carol Leo, 301 423-6466 or
Bertha Fenwick, 301 292-2658
Thanks and God Bless you!

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